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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6926

BILL NUMBER: SB 158

DATE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Golden Hoosier Passport for Veterans with Disabilities.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill enables a veteran of the U. S. armed forces with a disability, irrespective of age, to obtain a Golden Hoosier Passport, which provides a 50% discount on the cost of an annual pass to properties owned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that charge an admission fee. (Under current law, senior citizens and persons with disabilities eligible for Social Security benefits are eligible for a Golden Hoosier Passport.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR may experience some increase in administrative expenses associated with issuing Golden Hoosier Passports to veterans with disabilities. However, the Department should be able to absorb any additional expenses given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill provides that a resident of Indiana who is eligible for a license plate for a veteran with a disability is eligible to purchase a Golden Hoosier Passport for 50% of the fee assessed residents for an annual pass. The current fee for an annual pass is \$18. The proposal would reduce the fee to \$9 for eligible veterans.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles issued 5,233 licenses to individuals who qualified for license plates for veterans with disabilities. If all veterans who received a license plate currently purchase an annual pass and would purchase the Golden Hoosier Passport under the provisions of the proposal, revenues to the Department would decline by \$47,097 (\$9 multiplied by 5,233). However, if eligible veterans who do not currently purchase the annual pass would purchase a Golden Hoosier Passport, the Department may gain revenue that it would not have received otherwise. The specific impact, however, is indeterminable and dependent on the number of veterans who fall into the latter category.

Revenue collected from the sale of annual passes and the Hoosier Golden Passport fund operations of the

Department of Natural Resources.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected: Clerks of the Circuit Court.

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